

# HOUSE BILL No. 1539

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-21-2-17.

**Synopsis:** Reporting MRSA infections. Requires a hospital to: (1) develop a plan to reduce the incidence of persons contracting a methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection at the hospital; and (2) submit an annual report on the number of MRSA infections at the hospital.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 16, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 16-21-2-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 17. (a) As used in this section, "methicillin resistant**  
4 **staphylococcus aureus" means the strain of staphylococcus aureus**  
5 **bacteria, also known as MRSA, that is:**

6               **(1) resistant to oxacillin or methicillin; and**

7               **(2) identified according to the Clinical Laboratory Standards**  
8               **Institute's Performance Standards for Antimicrobial**  
9               **Susceptibility Testing.**

10       **(b) Each hospital shall develop a plan to reduce the incidence of**  
11 **persons contracting the methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus**  
12 **infection at the hospital. The plan must include the specific**  
13 **strategies, patient screening practices, and infection control**  
14 **practices that the hospital will implement to reduce the incidence**  
15 **of methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus infections.**

16       **(c) Before January 1, 2010, each hospital shall submit a plan**  
17 **prepared under this section to the state department. Each hospital**



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- 1 shall submit an updated plan to the state department biennially.  
2 (d) Before March 1 of each year, each hospital shall submit to  
3 the state department a report of the methicillin resistant  
4 staphylococcus aureus infection rate at the hospital during the  
5 previous year in a form determined by the state department.  
6 (e) Information submitted to the state department under this  
7 section is a public record.

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